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Patent

REMARKS

Applicant has elected to prosecute the group of claims designated by the Examiner as Group II, which Applicant has identified as claims 18-51. Applicant cancels the remaining claims 1-17 without prejudice. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's time in briefly discussing the species restriction and while Applicant is not entirely clear on the Examiner's distinction between the species of Figure 1 and of Figure 12 particularly given the statement that the Examiner sees no generic claims, Applicant believes that all of the elected claims 18-51 read on the species of Figure 12 and so is responding to elect this species. If the Examiner has a different understanding, Applicant welcomes the Examiner's substantive feedback on the distinction so that Applicant may make a better informed election of species. Applicant respectfully looks forward to the Examiner's substantive action on these claims. If the Examiner believes it would assist in expediting the application, Applicant would welcome a telephone conference with the Examiner to improve understanding of and resolve any questions or issues of the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1515.

Respectfully submitted,

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